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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **AUG 2 1 2002**

Applicant: Cary Lee Bates et al. Art Unit: 2172 **Technology Center 2100**
Serial No.: 09/356,241 Examiner: Cam-Y Truong
Filed : July 16, 1999
For : ORDERING OF DATABASE SEARCH RESULTS BASED ON USER
FEEDBACK

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
ATTENTION: Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. ☒ **Transmitted herewith is a Second Amendment and Response and Request to Reinstate Appeal, and a Supplemental Appeal Brief (in triplicate).**
2. ☐ Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status
- ☒ **Other than a Small Entity**

3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CALCULATION OF FEES

Fee:	Number of Claims After Amendment:		Previously Paid For:	No. Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	45	minus	47	0	\$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	12	minus	12	0	\$84	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$280	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS:						\$0.00

☒ **No additional fee for claims is required.**

4. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____ for additional claims.
☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$_____.

5. **The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.**

- ☐ (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Ext. Mos.</u>	<u>Large entity</u>	<u>Small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
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Extension fee due with this request:

\$_____

Method of Payment:

Check enclosed in the amount of \$_____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$_____.

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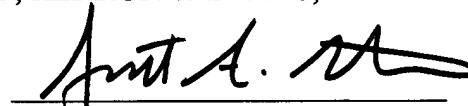
- ☒ (b) **Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.**

6. ☒ **If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000.**

Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND REQUEST TO REINSTATE APPEAL

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 10, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are provided:

Amendments

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 58 and 59 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 38, 60, 64 and 65 to read as follows:

38. (Once Amended) A method of processing search requests submitted to a search engine, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving a search request that specifies a plurality of keywords;
- (b) accessing a search request data structure in response to the search request, the search request data structure including a plurality of search request records, each search request record including a search request identifier identifying a unique combination of keywords, and a result set identifier identifying a subset of a plurality of records in a database that match the unique combination of keywords, wherein accessing the search